

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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5 1. A management apparatus comprising:
a storing part adapted to control restriction of
use of software and including a storage area for
storing type information representing type of the
restriction of use of software and a storage area for
storing information representing the restriction of
use;

10 a software storing part for storing software
corresponding to said storing part; and

means for altering contents of said storing part
on the basis of the use of the software corresponding
to said storing part.

15 2. A management apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein a plurality of said storing parts are provided,
and further comprising means for revising contents of
said storing part whenever the software corresponding
to each of said storing parts is executed.

20 3. An information processing apparatus
comprising:

25 means for displaying message whether control
information displayed on a display is revised or not,
if a condition that the control information for
controlling the use of software is to be revised is
attained; and

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means for displaying a view required for revision of the control information when the control information is revised.

5 4. An information processing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising means for displaying plural types of control information on the view for revising the control information and for displaying prices corresponding to the respective control
10 informations.

5. An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the information processing apparatus is connected to a network, and further
15 comprising means for taking-in the control information from said network.

6. An information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said taking-in means includes means
20 for taking-in the control informations from said network on the basis of URL of an inter-net.

7. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means for altering and
25 effecting revision control in accordance with the type of the control information, when the control information for controlling the use of the software is

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to be revised.

8. An information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said means includes means for displaying revision history when the control information is revised.

9. An information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said means includes for effecting revision of the control informations in accordance with preferential order when the plurality of control informations are provided.

10. An information processing apparatus comprising:

control means for reading-out history information regarding use of software on the basis of control information when the use of the software is controlled by the control information and for displaying validity of the control information on display means.

11. An information processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said control means includes means for judging the validity by judging the history information.

12. A terminal device connected to a network,

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comprising:

control means for revising control information for
controlling use of software, upon receipt of revision
information of the control information from an
5 information equipment connected to said network, if a
condition that the control information for controlling
the use of the software is to be revised is attained.

13. A system in which a terminal device is
10 connected to an information equipment via a network,
wherein:

said information equipment includes means for
sending control information for controlling use of
software to said terminal device on the basis of
15 information sent from said terminal device.

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